

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 737
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor Linda Farmer of Dresden upon winning
the 1998 Mid-South Spelling Bee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals
who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their
academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Linda Farmer is one such outstanding student who has distinguished
herself as the 1998 Champion of the Mid-South Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, an eighth grader at Dresden Middle School, in Weakley County, Linda
Farmer has achieved extraordinary academic success, and joined the ranks of the elite students
of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, before she won the Mid-South Spelling Bee, Linda won the DMS Eighth
Grade Spelling Bee by correctly spelling *genre*, the Weakley County Eighth Grade Bee by
spelling *universal* correctly and the Weakley County Championship by correctly spelling
memorize; and

WHEREAS, Linda captured the Mid-South Spelling Bee in the grueling 19th round
against county champions from Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, during the bee, Linda correctly spelled *fixedly*, *eligible*, *rippling*, *enchanted*,
conjecture, *Miranda*, *spirograph*, *pyrotechnics*, *vintner*, *renovator*, *Babylonian*, *astigmatism*,
foreigner, *crocheting*, *cinnamon*, *fumigation* and *cologne*; and

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WHEREAS, in the 18th round, the remaining contestant misspelled her word, and when Linda correctly spelled *thyme*, she seized the opportunity by correctly spelling *tribology* to capture the championship; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished musician, Linda Farmer is an avid piano player, serving with acumen as the assistant organist at her church; and

WHEREAS, she also plays the flute in the school's concert band and the piccolo in the marching band; and

WHEREAS, since the fourth grade, Linda Farmer has been a public speaker for the 4-H Club; and

WHEREAS, Miss Farmer's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Linda's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Miss Linda Farmer on her impressive win at the Mid-South Spelling Bee, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.